

ABSTRACT

A rotary tap changer is connected to a power source to control voltage supplied from the power source to a load. The rotary tap changer includes a motor having an output device, and a drive sprocket having a drive shaft positioned perpendicularly to a plane of rotation of the drive sprocket. The rotary tap changer also includes a gear engaged by the drive shaft, a first set of movable contacts, and a transmission device. The first set of movable contacts is coupled to the gear and mounted to conductively engage taps of an electrical control device. The transmission device is coupled to the motor output device and to the drive sprocket such that the motor directly drives the first set of movable contacts for selecting an electrical control device tap.

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